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GHI May Purchase Building Housing Supermarket, GAC

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

PHOTO BY MELINDA BRADY

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket; the Arts Center is located in the basement, accessed from the bottom of the steps to the left (not pictured).

The board of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) is considering purchasing 121 Centerway, the building that houses the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy and Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). A joint statement from GHI's Board and the Co-op Supermarket said, for the first time in Roosevelt Center's history, the owners of 121 Centerway have expressed a willingness to sell the building. "This presents a rare chance to bring this cornerstone property under cooperative stewardship," says the joint statement. A special town hall meeting for GHI members to discuss the proposal is planned for Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center gymnasium.

Among the advantages to the Co-op Supermarket identified in the joint statement are access to grants and funding designed for cooperatives and community development, opportunities to upgrade the supermarket and arts center, and the potential for the supermarket to expand deli offerings, have better produce storage, increased seating and improved accessibility. The two organizations also suggested advantages for GHI may include income-generating assets for the cooperative and its members, strengthening Roosevelt Center "as a vibrant, community-driven commercial hub" and reinforcing

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Greenbelt Celebrates Dedicated Educators with 2026 ACE Awards

by Joseph Ralbovsky

Ever wonder who in Greenbelt recognizes those heroes among us working to feed and support our children, train and inspire future leaders, and day in, day out, bring care and dedication to the education of the nation? Well, wonder no more, it's ACE! (Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education).

Since its inception in 1994, ACE has served as a critical link between the community and council, working to provide expert local insight, direct educational grants and celebrate excellence in education through its annual Educator Awards.

On March 18, the Greenbelt City Council gathered alongside teachers, administrators and community members to recognize, cheer and thank this year's worthy recipients of ACE's 2026 Educator Awards. Presented to those demonstrating extraordinary contributions to Greenbelt schools, ACE's 2026 awardees, chosen from among those nominated by each school's administration, are recognized for their exemplary work in cultivating effective, authentic and welcoming learning environments.

PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF GREENBELT

From left, back row, ACE Chair Janet Mirsky; ACE member Troi Dixon; award winners Camille Butler, Greenbelt Middle School; Lisa Holinsworth, Greenbelt Elementary School; Matthew Levy, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Board of Education member Jonathan Briggs; Councilmember Kristen Weaver; Councilmember Frankie Fritz; middle row, Councilmember Silke Pope (partially obscured); Councilmember Amy Knesel; award winners Lydia Swindell, Springhill Lake Elementary School; Fafavi Segbor, Dora Kennedy French Immersion; Elizabeth Knudson, Magnolia Elementary School; Councilmember Jenni Pompi; Mayor Emmett Jordan; front row, ACE member Annette Davis; Prince George's County Councilmember Tim Adams

In addition to accolades and well-deserved gratitude, this year's honorees received an engraved red and gold apple, a Greenbelt ACE T-shirt and an invitation to march in the 2026 Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

This year, six worthy individuals were selected for Educator Awards. They are:

Greenbelt Elementary School: Lisa Holinsworth

Lisa Holinsworth, a Math, Science and Talented and Gifted (TAG) teacher of 22 years,

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Women's History

Sheroes Bring Shorts Change

by Joan Estenson

Reading my last article about the Greenbelt ordinance regarding proper attire in what is now Roosevelt Center (See the March 5, 2026 issue), one might have thought the article was merely about shorts. However, women have had to stand up everywhere for their rights on issues big and small, from time immemorial, and Greenbelt is no exception. The 1938 ordinance, contrary to many reports, prohibited anyone over the age of 14 from wearing shorts in what is now known as Roosevelt Center. Women pressed for change.

PHOTO COURTESY THE GREENBELT MUSEUM

The famous shorts when they were on display in the Greenbelt Museum

In 1955 Frances Herling was in the Center wearing shorts, which earned her a talking to by a policeman, who then sent her home. She was incensed that she could not wear in the Center what was acceptable anywhere else in Greenbelt, and it incited her to action. She found two other women (whose names are no longer known), and in an act of civil disobedience they went to the Center clad in shorts. They were arrested and served a few hours of jail time.

Karene Herling Lagrone, age 8 at the time, answered the door of the Herling home and Officer Austin Green asked for her father. Officer Green looked very serious. Karene, worried about what had happened, summoned her father. Officer Green informed Albert that his wife was in jail for wearing shorts in the Center. Karene

See **SHORTS**, page 5

Speed Camera along Greenbelt Road Raises Concern among Drivers

by Stephen Lotz

A school zone speed camera just outside Greenbelt has raised concern among local drivers who say they received citations despite believing they were not speeding, prompting questions about whether the device is accurately recording vehicle speeds. The camera, located on eastbound Greenbelt Road near the T-Mobile store, is operated by the Town of Berwyn Heights using an automated enforcement system provided by Altumint Inc.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN LOTZ

The speed camera on Greenbelt Rd near 62nd Ave

This is the same company responsible for a camera in Riverdale Park that was removed following residents' reports of inaccurate tickets last year (see the Streetcar Suburbs October 30, 2025 issue for more.) Altumint is also responsible for the speed camera on Crescent Road between Greenhill Road and Northway, for which the News Review is unaware of inaccurate ticket reports.

Several drivers told the Greenbelt News Review they received repeated tickets from the same camera, and did not believe the speeds listed on said tickets.

Kevin Pinto of College Park said he received a citation from the Greenbelt Road camera earlier this year that he believed was inaccurate. "It said I was going 50 miles per hour," Pinto said. "This is impossible."

Pinto said he paid that ticket because he did not have enough information to challenge it. He said a later citation issued to his daughter prompted him to review dash-cam footage from the vehicle.

The footage showed his daughter driving 35 miles per hour and then slowing to 33 near the camera, while the citation listed 48 miles per hour. Pinto said he submitted the footage to Berwyn Heights officials, and a town representative later told him police reviewed the information and decided to void the citation.

Lee Ealley, also of College Park, said his household has received roughly 10 tickets from the camera, sometimes only days apart. "It's erratic as hell," Ealley said, adding that even after he became aware of the camera's location and adjusted his driving, the tickets continued to arrive.

Ealley, who drives the road

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What Goes On

Monday, March 30
No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 1
No Council Meeting

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Pedestrian Crosswalks

It is my conclusion that the engineers who developed the traffic-calming recommendations for the Southway/Ridge Road intersection and Ridge Road pedestrian crosswalks are not pedestrians.

A driver does not slow down for a speed bump until they are within a few feet of it. When the speed bump is also the crosswalk, the driver is slowing down a few feet from the pedestrian. Numerous drivers do not slow down for the speed bumps, which are not very high.

As a reminder: pedestrians crossing with small children and/or dogs can be unpredictable as the children or pets can suddenly double back for no reason apparent to the oncoming driver.

Basic physics would place the speed bump in advance of the pedestrian crosswalk and construct it high enough that the oncoming vehicle does slow down to cross over it, leaving the pedestrian time to reach the other side of the road.

Prior to the speed bump crosswalk installations on Ridge Road, narrow six-inch high bars were bolted across Ridge in advance of the two pedestrian crosswalks. These very effectively slowed down vehicles approaching the crosswalks. The bars did not remain; they were removed after several months.

For the past 20 years, I have crossed Ridge Road daily as a pedestrian and have driven it daily in my vehicle. As a pedestrian, with those bars installed, I knew I would have time to reach the other side of the road before the driver resumed speed and reached the crosswalk. As a driver, I could navigate those six-inch-high bars with no difficulty or damage to my vehicle.

Those speed-controlling bars must be both more effective and economical than the investments proposed for the Southway/Ridge Road intersection and raised speed bump crosswalks elsewhere.

Pedestrians have the right-of-way. The speed-control bars worked.

Mercedes Seman

Story & Photograph Submissions

We welcome your stories and photographs about all things Greenbelt. While publication is not guaranteed, your submissions help us cover more of what goes on. Stories will be copyedited. Remember to include captions and identify people in photographs. See the information box on this page for publication deadlines and how to submit materials.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Project Hail Mary

Science teacher Ryland Grace (Ryan Gosling) wakes up on a spaceship, light-years from home with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory returns, he begins to uncover his mission: solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. He must call on his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save everything on Earth from extinction, but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone.

Exhibition on Screen: Turner & Constable

This documentary explores the closely intertwined lives and legacies of artists Turner and Constable, alongside the Tate Museum's groundbreaking exhibition that showcases their work.

National Theatre Live: Fleabag

In Fleabag, a promiscuous young woman (Phoebe Waller-Bridge) runs a guinea pig café and struggles to cope with her life in London after experiencing the tragic loss of her close friend and business partner. A rip-roaring look at a woman who may seem oversexed, emotionally unfiltered, and self-obsessed, but that's just the tip of the iceberg.

National Theatre Live: The Audience

For 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) met with each of her 12 prime ministers in a private weekly meeting known as The Audience. From Winston Churchill to Margaret Thatcher and David Cameron, the Queen advised her prime ministers on matters both public and personal. Through these private audiences, viewers can see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman) is trying to prevent his house from being bulldozed when his friend Ford Prefect (Mos Def) whisks him into outer space. It turns out Ford is an alien who has just saved Arthur from Earth's total annihilation. Ford introduces Arthur to his myriad friends, including many-headed President Zaphod Beeblebrox (Sam Rockwell) and sexy refugee Trillian (Zooey Deschanel). Arthur makes his way across the stars while seeking the meaning of life, or something close to it.

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach embark on an adventure across the galaxy.

Correction

In last week's article about NASA Goddard's Library, one of the plaintiffs, Giovanni De Amici was identified as an astrophysicist, which is how he began his career, but he now works in remote sensing of the environment and the climate.

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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
MARCH 27th - APRIL 2nd

Project Hail Mary (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (157 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 4:40 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Mon. 1:45 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 6:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM
Thurs. 3:30 PM

Exhibition on Screen: Turner & Constable
(NR) (2026) (97 mins)
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sun. 3:00 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM

National Theatre Live: Fleabag
(NR) (2019) (87 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 7:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 7:30 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM

National Theatre Live: The Audience
(NR) (2013) (173 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 4:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 5:15 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tue. 6:45 PM

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG) (2005) (109 mins)
Free in 35mm! Sponsored by cinema member Jenny Jurling!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 1:00 PM

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie
(PG) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (96 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Wed. 3:30 PM, 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Thurs. 4:00 PM, 6:40 PM

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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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- Tuesday 6 p.m. Classified ads and camera-ready display ads.
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- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Tuesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the Municipal Building.

Community Events

Ribbon Hanging Craft on Sunday

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to enjoy a spring crafting activity with Artist-in-Residence Karen Arrington. Attract fairies to the garden with a colorful ribbon hanging. The smallest artists will use ribbons and beads, while more dexterous artists will learn macrame knots to add to their art hanging.

This workshop will be offered on Sunday, April 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. and again from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, and on Sunday, April 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Guests are encouraged to sign up in advance at sugeni.us/entx. Walk-ins are also welcome as space permits. For more information about Greenbelt arts programs, visit greenbelt.gov/arts. Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Annual Uke Jam Returns

Join Greenbelt Recreation instructor and Artist-in-Residence Rachel Ann Cross at a ukulele jam on Sunday, April 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event will be held on the Community Center front lawn in conjunction with free Artful Afternoon workshops. (Rain location: indoors, Ground Floor East). Players of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your ukulele and seating of choice. At your option, also bring: music stand and page clips; water; sun protection; friends and family who like to sing; and maybe a picnic. Participants are encouraged to sign up at sugeni.us/enfB. Free songbooks are available to registered players. For more information about Greenbelt arts programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

Artist-in-Residence Rachel Ann Cross leads a Uke Jam in June 2022 while community crafters paint "en plein air." Another annual Uke Jam will take place on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. This year, attending crafters will create macrame ribbon hangings that they can hang outdoors or indoors to welcome the spring. Local artists interested in becoming an Artist in Residence can apply by April 17.

Registration Open For Peace Camp

Little Friends for Peace (LFFP) will hold its fifth annual Peace Camp at Greenbelt Community Church this July 20 to 24. Peace Camp is a week-long summer camp for children ages 5 to 14 to learn skills for cooperation, nonviolent communication, empathy and problem solving through Peace Circles, art, music, cooperative games, a Peace Museum and other peace tools. LFFP Co-Directors MJ and Jerry Park have led Peace Camps in Minnesota and the Washington, D.C., area annually since 1981.

In the past 10 years, LFFP has reached 3,700 children through more than 83 Peace Camps, and post-camp surveys have found a 40 percent increase in camper ability to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Information on registration, as well as applications for Peace Camp counselor and junior counselor positions (ages 15+), can be found at LFFP.org/peacecamp.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

April 1 – Surprise event and business meeting. Arrive 10 minutes early for a surprise visitor before the business meeting begins.

April 8 – Speaker Jutta Brettschneider of The Movement Clinic in College Park: Occupational Therapy and Feldenkrais Services for Children and Adults.

April 15 – Anniversary Luncheon, Holiday Inn, College Park.

April 22 – Spring Ticket Auction. Bring small bills to bid.

April 29 – Bingo.

The Membership Committee is collecting 2026 dues. Pay with a check made out to Greenbelt Golden Age Club. If paying with cash, have the exact amount.

Greenbelt Resistance Network Events

Greenbelt Resistance Network has three events coming up in the next few days, including their No Kings rally on March 28, part of what is expected to be the largest national protest in U.S. history, with well over 3,000 events around the country, coordinated by the grass roots organization Indivisible. In addition, there will be a Sign-making Social, Friday, March 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Space in Beltway Plaza. All supplies to make your own sign will be provided.

No Kings rally, Saturday, March 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet at Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive. Join the nation in asserting No Thrones, No Crowns, No Kings, No Illegal Wars. This location at Greenbelt Park was chosen to protest the Park Police alliance with ICE including conducting joint operations on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway as well as the regime's policies and actions against our immigrant brothers and sisters. Sign up at Mobilize.us/nokings/event/918507 to help organizers get a more accurate advance count.

Ring a Bell for Liberty, Tuesday April 7 at 7 p.m., Roosevelt Center. In this second monthly bell-ringing event, join the National Call: Bring a bell on the seventh of each month and ring it for seven minutes at 7 p.m. until 47 and this regime are gone.

For more information, email John Campanile at jbelltower@yahoo.com.

Greenbriar Phase III Next Board Elected

Greenbriar Phase III held their Annual Meeting on March 17 and elected their Board of Directors. The new officers are: Angeline Butler, president; Jane Mullaney, vice president; Carol Adams, treasurer; Mary Thomas, secretary; and Breanna McKenley, director.

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library's regular hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Real-time updates to the Library's operating schedule due to inclement weather and other emergencies are posted on pgcmls.info/alerts.

Storytimes

Friday, March 27, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15668573.

Wednesday, April 1, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15970053.

Thursday, April 2, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15970272.

Come for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Ride and Read

Thursday, April 2, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get moving and have fun at the Library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15951784.

Apply for a Passport

The Greenbelt Library, along with five other county library branches (Accokeek, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton and Oxon Hill), serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment up to 30 days in advance by calling the Library at 301-345-5800 or visiting pgmls.info/passport-services.

Studio Space Available

Experienced fine artists and artisans are invited to apply to the Artist in Residence Program at the Community Center for 24-hour studio space. New artists are welcome to apply alongside current participants seeking to extend their stay. One vacancy is anticipated. Residencies begin in July. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on April 17. Prior to applying, schedule a studio tour with staff (required) by contacting Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov. More information and the application are available at.greenbeltmd.gov/480/Artists-in-Residence.

SLES Hosts Annual Schoolyard Cleanup

Springhill Lake Elementary School will be hosting its annual Schoolyard Cleanup on Thursday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and its Stream Cleanup on Friday, April 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to come out and share what the school's amazing students are doing.

March Is the Month Of Francophonie

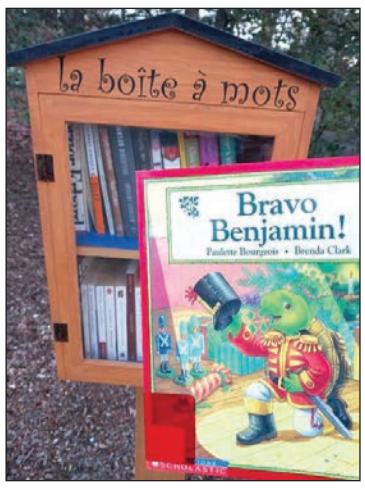

PHOTO BY XAVIER COUROUBLE

A little free library celebrates Francophonie Month.

All month long, "la boîte à mots," a little free library at 5 Lakeview Circle, is offering free illustrated children's books in French and Creole as well as a collection of French literary books to enjoy.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

This Week at the New Deal Café

Celebrating 30 Years in Greenbelt! Try Our New Menu & Drinks!

BECOME A MEMBER!* FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

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Monday, 9am-9pm; Tuesday—Thursday, 9am - 10pm; Friday/Saturday, 9am – 12midnight; Sunday, 9am – 9pm

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TH 3/26	FRI 3/27	SAT 3/28	SUN 3/29
The Bachelor & The Bad Actress 7 - 9pm An all-original acoustic duo: Joe Swelterpants & his lovely lady Hillary	NEW TO THE NDC! Lower Case Blues 8 - 11pm High-energy, improv blues trio with a sound all their own. DON'T MISS THIS!	NDC JAZZ JAM, 2 - 5pm Just Stones 8 - 11pm FAREWELL PERFORMANCE! A musical tribute to the Rolling Stones to please all their fans ONE LAST TIME.	Root 3 Jazz 6 - 8pm Classic and contemporary jazz featuring Jim Voshell on tenor sax

MON 3/30	TUES 3/31	WED 4/01	TH 4/02	New Deal Cafe
TBD: MIKE BENNETT & FRIENDS OR MIKE BENNETT LIVE KARAOKE 6 - 9pm	NDC Open Mic w/ Matt Severson 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	The Campfire Sessions 7 - 9pm Hosted by Joseph P. Swelterpants.	Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm A big, bodacious boogie blues jam hosted by Wolf Crescenze	RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC! See link below*

*Join NDC! Go to NewDeal Cafe(dot) com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."

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In Memoriam

Christopher "Chris" Dwyer

by Kelly Jarboe and Rick Ransom

PHOTO COURTESY FACEBOOK

Chris Dwyer

Greenbelt-born and longtime Greenbelt resident Chris Dwyer died suddenly of natural causes on March 16, 2026, at the age of 65. Christopher was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend to many. His journey began on March 2, 1961, in the welcoming embrace of Greenbelt, where he was born to Shirley and Thomas Dwyer Sr. He was the youngest of four.

He loved his family heritage. He was a loving son to his parents. Pictures of his parents, family members, friends and love of music covered the walls of his home. Cherished knick-knacks from his childhood home sat proudly on a shelf in his living room. Chris was often posting photos of himself with various celebrities whose shows he had attended.

His sister Patty Johnson emphasized his Greenbelt roots by noting that he played Little League Baseball here and won a championship. He had many Greenbelt friends, of course, among them Gene Watson, Dave Linstrom, Mark Feeney, David Hobbs and Greg Gigliotti. Greg knew Chris from their youth and remembers him playing pick-up ice hockey when Greenbelt Lake was frozen. He also remembers camping with Chris and a group of other young Greenbelters who liked to go canoeing.

Patty said that Chris earned his college degree in turf management. He subsequently worked at several golf courses, including Trotters Glen at Andrews Air Force Base. He moved to Colorado in the early

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Sunrise Service Is Canceled

Last week's News Review had a notice about an ecumenical sunrise service on Easter Sunday, April 5 at Buddy Attick Park. The event has been canceled.

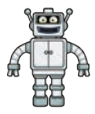
Our Neighbors

Our condolences to the friends and family of Christopher Dwyer who died on March 16. He was known for his passion for the outdoors.

Congratulations to the winners of the ACE awards: We applaud their contributions to the education of Greenbelt's students.

Kudos to the students in the Robotics Club at ERHS who earned top recognition at the Maryland State Robotics Championship. One squad will now advance to the VEX Robotics World Championship.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!
A Roman Catholic Intentional Eucharistic Community
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"O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch."
– Bahá'u'lláh
Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

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March 29, 2026, at 3 p.m.
Troubled Waters
Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Carol Boston
In the spirit of our February theme (Centering Love) and African-American History Month, we'll center ourselves in a service contemplating the lived experience of the Middle Passage.
Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Saint Hugh Catholic Church
Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum
135 Crescent Rd.
sthughofgrenoble.org

Palm Sunday
March 28 5pm Vigil Mass
March 29 Sunday Masses:
8, 9:30, and 11am +

Wednesday of Holy Week
Confessions
April 1 11am to 12:30pm

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 2 7:30pm +

Good Friday
April 3
11am: Living Stations with the Confirmandi
2pm +: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday
Saturday, April 4 8pm +
The Great Vigil of Easter
April 5 Sunday Masses
8, 9:30, and 11am +

+ *live streamed on YouTube*

Holy Week and Easter
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29
8:00 am & 10:30 am
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2
7:30 pm
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Noon & 7:30 pm
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10 am, *Easter Egg Hunt (begins promptly at 10 am)*
7:30 pm, *The Great Vigil of Easter*
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5
10:30 am, *Festival Holy Eucharist*
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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noticed that both men were trying not to laugh.

Once Frances was released from jail the couple discussed the issue, Karene said.

The city had not resolved the issue by August. An editorial in the News Review on August 4, 1955, called the ordinance archaic and said, "We do not advocate that this ordinance be ignored, and most of us have tried to obey it, even though we think it pointless." They formally asked that the issue be put on the ballot in a city election; the next one was coming up in September but there were no ballot questions that year.

There are several mentions of the shorts incident: in an article by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill for the Greenbelt Museum in 2020 (greenbeltmuseum.org/post/summer-in-greenbelt), a reference to it in the News Review relating to the play The Story of Greenbelt, which was performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center in 1997, and in Frances' obituary in the News Review in 2001. None of them recount the resolution of the issue, though her obituary says the act led to the prohibition being eliminated.

PHOTO COURTESY THE GREENBELT MUSEUM

Few women today would choose to wear these outfits to rake leaves, but at least Eugenia Horstman, left, and her sister-in-law Martha Likens are dressed to run an errand in the Center at a moment's notice. Circa 1952

Konrad Herling was 2 at the time but certainly heard the family stories. He said that his father, Al, "who was never shy about expressing his opinion," went to a city council meeting to discuss the issue, threatened a lawsuit and the council voted unanimously, though whether that was to repeal the whole ordinance or amend it to take out shorts could not be verified in the News Review archives nor contemporary city council minutes.

Frances said the policeman who arrested her apologized in 1992.

The famous shorts, now in the Greenbelt Museum's collections, were below the knee and baggy, sometimes called Bermuda shorts. Lagrone said her mother never wore anything clingy.

Whatever and whenever resolution took place, we can thank the heroines, or sheroes, who opposed the ordinance and finally achieved the change that legally allows the wearing of shorts in Roosevelt Center.

Thanks to Museum Director Megan Young, City Clerk Bonita Anderson and Public Information and Communications Officer James Wisniewski for research assistance for this article.

Life in Tandem

What does one do when told one has months to live because of a cancer diagnosis, but somehow gets through chemotherapy and shows signs of remission? One decides to fulfill a childhood dream of cycling around the world.

On April 23, the Greenbelt Cinema will host a showing of A Life in Tandem, a documentary about Luke, who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. It's the extraordinary story of the perseverance and true grit it took for Luke to fulfill his dream.

City Notes

Public Safety/Community, Economic Development and Constituent Services attended the grand opening of Panda Express at Beltway Plaza. Economic Development attended a Greenbelt Business Alliance happy hour and Human Resources welcomed two new Public Works employees. Senior staff of most departments attended leadership training with counterparts from adjoining municipalities, hosted by the City of College Park.

Sustainability/Environmental and Park Rangers welcomed 15 residents for a birding event. Mechanics did repairs on three vehicles and Parks/Ballfields installed new wood fiber at the playground at Ridge and Plateau. Ballfield improvements continue: with the dugout surfacing complete, contractors began installing dugout roofs. Animal Shelter residents are four cats, two kittens and one dog.

Therapeutic Recreation took seniors on a bowling excursion and welcomed visitors from Green Ridge House for a St. Patrick's Day senior lunch. CARES presented at Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Career Day, attended a tax workshop at Green Ridge House and hosted a completion ceremony for Learn-to-Earn trainees.

City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 30 - APRIL 3

Monday, March 30, **NO MEETING - (PGCPS SPRING BREAK)**

Tuesday, March 31 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the agenda: Approval of August Meeting Minutes, Discussion of the Not For Seniors Only Open Forum*

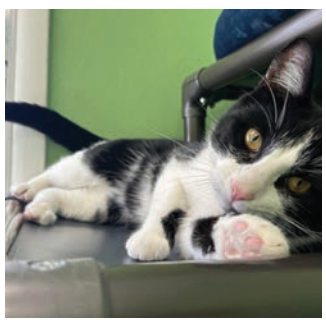
Wednesday, March 31, **NO MEETING - (PGCPS SPRING BREAK/ PASSOVER)**

Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm, **CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE** *On the agenda: TBD*

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

FEATURED PETS

Prince



Ready for Adoption?

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1-year-old Prince has been at the shelter for a few months, and we can't fathom why he's been overlooked by adopters! This Prince Charming has really got it all – a handsome tuxedo coat, captivating eyes, and a charming personality. Prince has been housed in the kitten room and has gotten along so great with all of them, and we think he'd do really great with another playful cat like himself. In addition to his fun personality, he also loves to cuddle and be held.

If you're interested in adopting Prince Charming, please reach out to us at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call us at (301) 474-6124.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

DRAFT CEMETERY PRESERVATION MASTER PLAN

The City of Greenbelt has contracted with JMT to prepare a Preservation Master Plan for the preservation, maintenance and use of three historic cemeteries. View the draft of the Cemetery Preservation Master Plan using the QR code or by clicking here. The project is being funded by a grant received from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority/Maryland Historic Trust. You can learn more and stay updated by visiting the City of Greenbelt website.

FREE VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

March 30 from 10am - 12 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East

GAIL presents **Once Upon A Greenbelt!** This event is for Greenbelt Residents only.

The GAIL program, in partnership with the Lions Club, is providing free vision and hearing screenings for parents and children in elementary and middle school. This initiative is designed to encourage children to put down the tech and dive into a fun book with family. The event helps ensure that children and parents can see clearly, read confidently, and build a strong foundation for learning.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Tuesday, May 5 from 10 am - 1 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

This free health screening is for adults 18+. No insurance or ID required. Available screenings: Blood pressure, A1C testing, Glucose testing, and/or Cholesterol screening

Register at https://forms.gle/v5jabqbbAuL88YcS9.

Contact: Canela Bascolo at (240) 542-8810

or cbascolo@greenbeltmd.gov

Presented by Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) and Luminis Health

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Community Center, Ground Floor East

Join our 50+ Workforce Tech Skills workshops to boost your digital confidence and learn essential online tools for modern job searching. Each session focuses on a key skill to help you find, apply for, and manage job opportunities in today's digital age.

April 2 – Using Google Docs for Resumes: Learn how to create and edit a professional resume using Google Docs templates.

Register now at https://forms.gle/GUBUZoBpksAeqmkH7.

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Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

Uke Jam
Sunday, April 12; 1:30-2:30 Greenbelt Community Center (front lawn). Bring your ukulele and participate in our annual group strum-and-sing-along. Open to all experience levels. Sign up at sugeni.us/enfB to receive a songbook in advance of the event.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **April Artful Afternoons** 4/12; 1-2pm & 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) 4/19; 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center) Sign up here: sugeni.us/entx
- **Art Studio Open House & Sale** - save the date! 5/3; 1-4pm (Greenbelt Community Center)

Council Dealt with Annexations, Standing Rules and Questionnaire

by Diane Oberg

At its March 9 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved a resolution annexing Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)/NASA Area 3, finalized the changes to its standing rules and authorized purchase of fleet management software for use by the Department of Public Works.

Annexation

Three areas of BARC were under consideration for annexation on the agenda, but two were removed for further discussion. There had been a public hearing before the council meeting (see the March 12 issue).

Council unanimously approved the remaining resolution to annex BARC/NASA Area 3, bounded by Greenbelt Road, Soil Conservation Road, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Beaver Dam Road.

Under state law, Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said, there is a 45-day period during which interested parties could seek to petition the legislation to referendum. After that period, the city must follow a state-mandated process with the state and the county to have the land recognized as within the City of Greenbelt. Councilmember Frankie Fritz pointed out that the legislation will merely change the municipal boundaries; the city will not be purchasing the land.

Under Petitions and Requests, resident Bill Orleans had called upon council to provide more information from the closed sessions they held to discuss the annexation. As is council's normal procedure, this petition was not discussed at the meeting.

Standing Rules

Council continued reviewing the proposed changes to its standing rules. Councilmember Kristen Weaver's proposal that "Persons desiring to speak on a matter being considered by the Council at a regular meeting shall sign in or fill in a comment card ..." generated prolonged discussion. The proposal makes a sign-in sheet optional for worksessions and public hearings.

Among the benefits cited for this change were better meeting management (Weaver) and providing the city clerk with the correct spelling of commenters' names (Mayor Emmett Jordan).

Councilmembers Danielle McKinney and Amy Knesel both liked the idea of having a comment card available where people who could not stay for the entire meeting could still provide comments. McKinney said that more consideration is needed of how the sign-in process would work, adding that council needs to figure this out before doing it.

Knesel suggested changing "shall sign in" to "may sign in." With this change the proposal passed unanimously.

Weaver withdrew her proposal to create a provision to address conduct unbecoming a councilmember outside of a public meeting.

Also unsuccessful was Councilmember Jenni Pompi's proposal to eliminate the requirement that resolutions have two readings, which was voted down on a 3 to 4 vote with Councilmembers Silke Pope, Fritz, McKinney and Jordan opposed.

Staff will prepare a resolution implementing the changes accepted by council to be formally acted upon by council.

License Plate Readers

Under Petitions and Requests, resident Christine Wilkin of the Greenbelt Resistance Network asked council for more information about how information gathered by the city's various security cameras and license plate readers would be used and shared. Resident Lore Rosenthal supported this request. Council had already received a letter with the network's 11 questions.

City Manager Josué Salmerón said he would be bringing a proposal to council in the near future seeking to purchase more cameras as the Police Department had been able to reduce the implementation costs of the recently purchased devices.

Other Actions

As part of the consent agenda, council authorized the city manager to execute a contract with RTA for the purchase of fleet management software at an annual cost of $12,365. In addition, the contract provides for a $5,511 start-up fee and a $3,091 fee to cover the last three months of the current fiscal year.

Council also received a report on the community questionnaire results regarding preferred uses of the Greenbelt Armory. The most often stated preference was to use the property for municipal center/mixed use (320 respondents), fire station was second (216) and residential/mixed use was next (176). The respondents to the questionnaire were 71 percent from the core of Greenbelt with 21 percent from Greenbelt East and 8 percent from Greenbelt West.

Jordan presented a proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month in Greenbelt.

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"shared values of democratic governance and long-term stewardship."

The GHI and Supermarket boards have not made any decisions or promises, they stressed in their joint statement. "The goal of the Town Hall is to ensure all members understand the financial realities, risks and possible benefits of this purchase," they stated. A GHI membership vote to authorize the purchase will be scheduled if interest is high enough after the town hall.

Details of the town hall are being developed, but Co-op Supermarket General Manager Dan Gillotte said he anticipates the supermarket and pharmacy will make a presentation or a joint presentation will be given. He was unable to comment on the potential price of the purchase on Tuesday.

Gillotte said the supermarket and pharmacy have long wanted to purchase the building or have another landlord and, with the current owner potentially amenable, he worked with GHI, creating their proposal last week. It's a purchase that he believes would be mutually beneficial to the two cooperatives. He described this as "a potentially very exciting moment for our co-ops!"

For the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy a better landlord relationship will mean improved store possibilities, including fair rent and future building improvements for which their current lease requires the store to bear the costs, said Gillotte. He sees potential for improved sales and presentation; better lighting and atmosphere; properly sized, designed and planned departments; improvements in refrigeration and equipment; better gathering spaces and seating; and the ability to better serve current customers and attract new ones.

GHI members are asked to attend the town hall meeting to learn more. They are also invited to email questions in advance of the meeting to info@greenbelt.coop or replytoghi@ghi.coop, no later than Sunday, April 5. A notice was sent to GHI members via email on Tuesday, March 24, and will also be distributed by mail.

"We really believe this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for a mutually beneficial real estate transaction to take place that brings community ownership to our jewel at Roosevelt Center." said Gillotte.

GHI Special Member Meeting:
Proposed Purchase of 121 Centerway
Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Youth Center Gymnasium
99 Centerway, Greenbelt

PHOTO BY DEBBI FINTAK

J Davis had time to read her News Review during a day-long full transit of the Panama Canal.

Goodbye, Earth!

PHOTO BY ANONYMOUS SOURCE AT NASA GODDARD

The giant model of earth that was located in NASA Goddard's Building 28 is removed as space is made for furniture relocated from the closed library.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors
on April 2, 2026

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on March 5, 2026
b) Financial Matters
c) Legal Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors

a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on March 5, 2026
b) Statements of Closed Meetings Held on March 19, 2026 and April 2, 2026
c) Vehicle Fleet Electrification Report
d) Exclusive Use of Heat Pump Water Heaters in Boiler Rooms When Possible
e) Electrification of Larger Home Types
f) Lighting Bollards for 11-13 Ridge Road
g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on April 2, 2026

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-uuqzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33gbi9r

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

School News

PGCPS Lengthens School Day To End School Year Earlier

by Stephen Lotz

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will not have to extend the school year late into June after the state approved the county's request for a waiver of the requirement of 180 instructional days on March 24. The county has already adjusted the calendar to make up for some lost instructional time, including adding two Muslim holidays as instructional days (see the February 25 issue).

Under the latest school calendar, the last day of school will be Thursday, June 18, later than the original school calendar but a week earlier than what it would have been without the waiver. Instead of adding additional days beyond June 18, PGCPS will extend the length of the school day by five minutes for the remainder of the school year after Spring Break (from April 7 through June 18) in order to meet Maryland learning requirements. Previously scheduled early release days on March 27, April 22 and June 18 will now be full school days.

The change comes after schools in the county lost instructional time this winter due to closures and delayed openings and had no approved plan for virtual learning days when they closed for over a week at the end of January. The county had prepared a backup plan that would have moved the last day of school to June 24 if the waiver was denied, but that option is no longer needed.

An updated school calendar reflecting these changes is expected to be shared soon with parents and staff.

Stephen Lotz is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

Key Dates

Last day of school: Thursday, June 18
Full school days: March 27, April 22 and June 18 will now be full days (no early release).
The instructional school day will start 5 minutes earlier in schools from April 7 through June 18.
Make-Up Days: May 27, June 15, June 16, June 17 and June 18

The Board of Education will take final action to formally approve this plan on March 26.

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demonstrates an unwavering commitment to academic excellence underpinned by a deep-rooted connection to Greenbelt and a passion for fostering love of learning. Holinsworth's STEM instruction is complemented by a unique ability to make complex concepts engaging and to empower students to think critically and creatively. Outside of class, Holinsworth serves as a role model to her colleagues, while her continued commitment to cultivating curious minds has touched generations of Greenbelt families.

Springhill Lake Elementary: Lydia Swindell

A teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary for the past 18 years, Swindell is a strategic thinker and natural communicator. Deftly juggling the demands of her leadership roles as Science/STEM coordinator and grade level chair with her teaching duties, Swindell's classroom is an exciting place to learn. Weaving personal stories throughout her lesson objectives to create engaging and meaningful experiences for her students, she peppers her lessons with multilingual phrases and culturally relevant resources to help her students "see themselves" in the curriculum.

Magnolia Elementary School: Elizabeth Knudson

In August 2025, Elizabeth Knudson, an educator with 25 years of experience, walked into a library that was outdated and in need of attention. Within a few weeks, she transformed the space and rejuvenated a beloved school treasure. Shelves are now stocked with a variety of texts while inviting displays bring in hundreds of book borrowers per month. Less than one year in as the school's Library Media Specialist her creativity, organizational skills and initiative are already appreciated by students, staff and parents.

Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI): Fafavi Peace Segbor Mensah

Fafavi Segbor's 31-year career in education, most of those in Prince George's County Public Schools, reflects a legacy of excellence, leadership and unwavering commitment to student achievement. As a teacher and math coach at DKFI, she plays a pivotal role in sustaining the school's 5-Star Maryland State Department of Education designation. Beyond classroom instruction, Segbor co-facilitated the development and implementation of DKFI's School Performance Plan, ensuring that data-driven strategies translated into measurable gains in teaching quality and student outcomes.

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS): Camille Farrah Burke Butler

Camille Butler has held many key positions at GMS, including Reading / English / Language Arts Teacher, Instructional Lead Teacher and now Assistant Principal, where she is currently acting in the absence of Principal Clement. Known for leading with both head and heart, Butler also contributes to the Greenbelt community through acts of service with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, an activity she has continued despite experiencing the loss of her father this year.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Matthew Levy

Consistently supporting the academic, social and emotional growth of his students, Levy serves as Social Studies Department Chairperson, teaching local, state and national Government and World History. Levy also supports his colleagues through his role on the Professional Development Lead Teacher team, as well as working to ensure smooth classroom operations, often behind the scenes.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the ACE Educator Awards, and a sincere thank you for the profound impact you've made on the lives of aspiring Greenbelters. Do you love celebrating excellence? There's an ACE students awards event coming up in May.

Members of ACE include Chair Janet Mirsky, Annette Davis, Troi Dixon, Denna Lambert, Gulnura Rakhyshova and Robert Snyder, as well as council liaison Jenni Pompi and staff liaison Liz Park.

If you have gifts, talents or enthusiasm for high quality schools, consider joining or volunteering with ACE. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. every fourth Thursday in the Municipal Building.

Yarn Donations Needed

Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters meeting Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, Room 109. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets.

PORCH Food Pickup Dates for Rest of March

Greenbelt PORCH will collect food as scheduled below. Food placed on porches by the time listed will be picked up after that time.

Saturday, March 28 – by 10 a.m. for Mathew Street to Megan Court including Brett Place

Sunday, March 29 – by 5 p.m. for 18 Court Ridge

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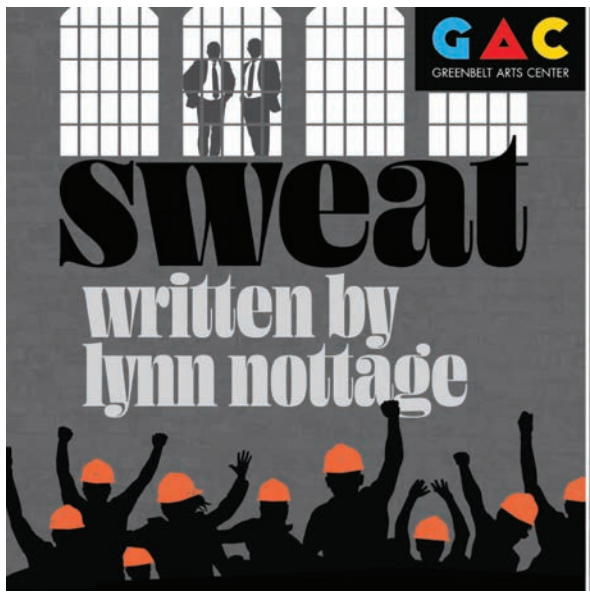

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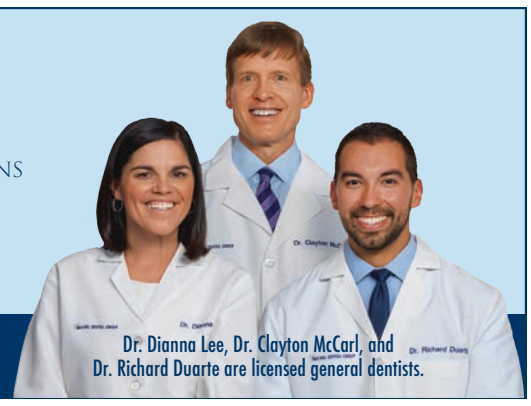
Dr. Dianna Lee, Dr. Clayton McCarl, and Dr. Richard Duarte are licensed general dentists.

Nugent & Kash OF COMPASS

Andrew and Kim are putting the finishing touches on half a dozen new listings in Greenbelt!

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Stop Sign Camera Enforcement Coming Soon; Warnings in April

The Greenbelt City Council has authorized the implementation of automated stop sign enforcement and the installation of the cameras has begun. These cameras will be placed at various locations throughout the city to improve driver compliance with traffic laws and enhance the overall safety of residents, pedestrians and motorists, said an announcement from the city.

Once the cameras are installed and the testing phase is complete, the city will enter a warning phase before issuing any citations. The warning phase is scheduled to run from April 1 through April 30. This warning period is intended to educate drivers, encourage safer driving behaviors and reduce dangerous violations at stop sign-controlled intersections.

The city says that by increasing adherence to stop signs, the automated enforcement program is expected to reduce crashes, improve pedestrian safety and create safer neighborhood streets for all roadway users.

Following the warning phase, drivers who receive citations can expect fines of $40, Public Information and Communications Officer James Wisniewski told the News Review.

The cameras will be installed at the following locations:

- Southway at Ridge Road
- Ridge Road at Gardenway
- Ridge Road at Laurel Hill Road
- Cherrywood Lane at Breezewood Drive
- Springhill Drive at Edmonston Road
- Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Lane.

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multiple times a day, said most citations listed similar speeds, often close to the minimum required for a ticket. Maryland law allows for speed cameras to issue citations only when a vehicle is traveling at least 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

Over time, the repeated fines became frustrating, he said, even if each citation was relatively small. "I'm not Rockefeller," he said. "When you pile up $40 at a time, it adds up."

Ealley said he paid most of the citations rather than contesting them. Speed camera citations are civil violations, and drivers who wish to challenge them must request a court date.

The Greenbelt Road camera generates, on average, 930 citations per month and has the third highest volume of Berwyn Heights' four active cameras, according to Altumint. Town officials told Greenbelt News Review that in 2025 the speed cameras produced $759,710 in revenue for the town.

Pinto said his concerns about the Greenbelt Road camera were shaped by prior experiences with speed cameras operated by the same vendor in other parts of Prince George's County. In the Riverdale Park area, Pinto said he received multiple tickets from speed cameras installed by Altumint. In those cases, he spent significant time analyzing video evidence, timestamps and roadway markings to calculate his speed. "I don't mind suffering the consequences when I do something wrong," Pinto said. "But I definitely don't want to pay for something that I know I didn't do."

Pinto emphasized that he does not believe every speed camera citation is inaccurate, noting that his family has paid tickets in cases where dash-cam footage confirmed the recorded speed. But he said his experience has left him concerned about how disputes are handled and how much responsibility falls on drivers to disprove citations they believe are incorrect.

In documents provided by Berwyn Heights officials, vendors for the town's Automated Red-Light and Speed Camera Enforcement Program are responsible for providing a complete turnkey system, including installation, operation, maintenance, calibration, image review, citation processing and customer service support.

The town has cited safety concerns along Greenbelt Road as justification for automated enforcement. Officials noted that crash rates along that road are significantly higher than the state average, with 13 injury crashes and 63 property-damage crashes recorded between January 2024 and April 2025 between Greenbelt Station Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue.

Stephen Lotz is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

Nottage's Sweat Coming to GAC

The play Sweat, written by Lynn Nottage and directed by Bob Kleinberg (Doubt; Clybourne Park; Almost, Maine; and others) is coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). Nottage's gripping, timely play about the struggles of unionized factory workers in the new economy provides a cautionary tale to all of us in our rapidly changing political, social and economic world.

Performances will be held April 10 through 25, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. There will be a talk-back session with the cast following the April 19 matinee. Visit the GAC website at greenbeltartscenter.org for more information.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Cleanup of Local Stream To Be Eagle Scout Project

by Kai Waters

My name is Kai Waters, and I will be conducting my Eagle Scout Project on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With the help of volunteers, we will restore and beautify a local stream near Schrom Hills Park (use 6701 Village Park Drive for GPS). My project involves removing trash, overhanging vines including multiflora rose, wisteria and porcelain berry, and debris from the stream that runs from Greenbelt, under the Beltway and through Greenbelt Park and feeds into the Anacostia River. The stream has been neglected and blocks a lot of the flow from reaching a nearby pond. Trash has also accumulated by washing in from the nearby residential roads. Many vines have grown into the streambed and attached themselves to nearby trees. The area would benefit from clearing debris that has accumulated over time and impedes proper management of water runoff. We also intend to add some native flowers to beautify the area.

I would appreciate all the help I can get, as this is an all-hands-on-deck project. Any tool or equipment donations for the day would be greatly appreciated also and will be extremely helpful as we ensure nobody is left without a way to help. I have attached a link to the sign-up sheet below, where one can indicate any tools available for us to use. I would recommend bringing water, sun protection and sturdy work gloves and boots. The stream is rocky, so it is important to be careful when navigating.

Those interested in volunteering can go to the sign-up sheet at https://tinyurl.com/bdcubfhc.

Come for one hour or the entire time to help fight back vines, plant native flowers and make a difference here in Greenbelt.

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Scout Troop 214 backpacked on the Appalachian Trail for the weekend of March 20–22. Posing on Saturday, March 21 with a digital copy of the News Review are, from left, Oscar Gaycken, Kai Waters, Corita Waters, Anna Bedford-Dillow, Oliver Gaycken (holding the News Review), Callum Bedford-Dillow and Evan McClelland.

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Incidents reported here occurred March 16 - 22, 2026. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death; one sexual assault; two domestic incidents, one involving a weapon and resulting in arrest; and three mental health diversions, one involving an armed person and another a suicide attempt.

On March 18 near 6301 Breezewood Drive, a landscaper found a handgun that had been reported stolen from Fairfax County; the registered owner was notified.

A man last seen in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on March 13 was reported missing by his mother.

On March 22 at 11:58 p.m. near 5809 Cherrywood Lane, a 9-year-old child was found wandering alone in the Shell Food Mart parking lot. Officers alerted his grandmother who picked him up from the station.

Robbery

On March 17 at 3:02 p.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, two boys tried to take another boy's jacket during a tussle. He recognized and fought them off, ripping the jacket. His phone fell and they took it, but he was able to keep his jacket.

Break-in

On March 17 at 3:20 a.m. near 7587 Greenbelt Road, someone broke the glass to the front door and took the cash register.

On March 20 at 6:39 p.m. near 8020 Greenbelt Station Parkway, someone who had been evicted returned and forced entry through a window.

DUI Arrests

On March 17 at 8:43 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, an officer on patrol observed a vehicle driving erratically; the driver was arrested for DUI and also had a warrant.

On March 18 at 2:23 a.m. near 111 Lakeside Drive, a vehicle struck a parked car, and officers arrested the driver for DUI.

Warrant Arrests

On March 19, two drivers were arrested on warrants and taken to Department of Corrections: at 6:30 p.m. near Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, on a traffic stop, and at 8:14 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, after a collision.

Disorderly

On March 19 at 7:42 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, an uncooperative man was causing a disturbance while heavily intoxicated; he was cited for disorderly conduct and banned from the location.

Fraud

On March 18 near 8208 Canning Terrace, someone was tricked by scammers and sent them money.

On March 19 near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a woman's personal information was accessed.

On March 20 near 109 Hedgewood Drive, after a man wrote two checks payable to his homeowners association, the payee name on the checks was altered.

Theft

On March 16 at 2:27 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a store reported theft; at 5:49 p.m. near 8140 Miner Street, a delivered package was stolen.

On March 17 at 3:32 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items, and after a quick foot pursuit he was apprehended; at 3:29 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, someone took a man's wallet while he was at the register.

On March 18 at 5:50 p.m. near 5921 Cherrywood Terrace, a boy under 10 years old was seen stealing a neighbor's package. Officers knocked on the door and retrieved the package after talking with the boy and the parent.

On March 19 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, loss prevention staff reported two shoplifters who were arrested; at 8:51 p.m. near 5811 Cherrywood Terrace, a woman's phone was stolen and she tried to track it, but couldn't locate it.

On March 21 at 6:41 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, store security apprehended a shoplifter.

Vandalism

On March 17 near 6158 Springhill Terrace, a woman had items vandalized inside her home by her ex-boyfriend.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicle

On March 16 near 9117 Springhill Lane, a 2022 Hyundai Palisade (Md. 1GL1833) was stolen.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On March 22 near 9206 Springhill Lane, officers located a stolen vehicle. Someone got out of the vehicle and took off running. Officers chased the person but couldn't find the suspect.

Suspicious Auto

On March 21 near 6460 Capitol Drive, an officer found a vehicle with a stolen tag; the tag was confiscated and the vehicle was impounded.

Theft From Auto

Tags were stolen: on March 16 near 10 Ridge Road, a rear tag (Md. 7GS6833); on March 17 near Morrison Drive and Ora Glen Drive, front and rear tags (Md. 6FH3703); and on March 18 near 6102 Breezewood Drive, a front tag.

On March 17 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a disability placard and phone charger were stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On March 21 near 7480 Greenway Center Drive, a 2016 Honda Accord had a window smashed and the glove compartment rummaged through.

Blue Lights Nights

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Greenbelt Police Department joins with Metro Transit Police for Blue Lights Nights on March 20 and March 21.

The Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) was proud to partner with Metro Transit Police for Blue Lights Nights on March 20 and March 21. This joint initiative was not a police surge or targeted enforcement effort, but rather a community-focused operation aimed at strengthening relationships while increasing police visibility in areas experiencing higher crime, said GPD. The department reports that by fostering positive interactions and maintaining a visible presence, officers worked to build trust, engage with residents and support safe neighborhoods throughout the community. GPD thanked Metro Transit Police for their partnership and community members for their continued support in working together to keep our community safe.

Three PGPD Officers Face Misconduct in Office Charges

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On March 13 Prince George's County State's Attorney Tara Jackson announced two former Prince George's County police officers, Gerald Briscoe and Sierra Alston, and one current Prince George's County police officer, Timothy Green, were charged with misconduct in office and related offenses. Jackson announced the number of charges in each case but not the details leading to them. However, multiple sources report the three officers are accused of improperly using police databases. DC News Now reports they conducted vehicle registration inquiries without a legitimate or official purpose. The three officers are listed as co-defendants and their initial appearance in the case is scheduled for April 3.

Gerald Allen Briscoe

Briscoe, 27, joined Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) in 2023 and has been charged with four counts of misconduct in office and one count of conspiracy to commit misconduct in office, all stemming from an offense on March 10, 2024, according to court filings. In addition to the charges in which he is a co-defendant with Alston and Green, Briscoe was also charged with attempt to commit misconduct in office and theft between $100 and $1,500 with an offense date of November 27, 2025. His trial for that attempted misconduct and theft charge is scheduled for March 30. Briscoe was suspended in March 2025, a criminal indictment was filed in December 2025 and he was separated from the PGPD in February 2026.

A Gerald Briscoe with the same middle name and date of birth also has open charges from a 2019 arrest in Kent County for "reckless driving" and "wanton and willful disregard for safety of persons or property," driving 103 miles an hour in a 55 zone, according to Maryland case records.

Timothy Green

Green, 32, joined PGPD in 2015. He has been charged with two counts of misconduct in office and one count of conspiracy to commit misconduct in office, with an offense date of March 28, 2024, two weeks after the offense date of Briscoe and Alston. He is the only one of the three officers not to have been separated following the charges. He remains a current officer but was suspended in June 2025 and is currently on military leave, according to PGPD.

Sierra Laurin Alston

Alston, 33, joined PGPD in 2023. According to court documents accessed by the News Review, she has been charged with three counts of conspiracy to commit misconduct in office and one count of solicitation of misconduct in office, all with an offense date of March 10, 2024, matching one of Briscoe's offense dates. She was suspended from the police department in October 2024 and separated in December 2025.

Previously, in October 2024, Alston appeared in court in Virginia in connection with a rental car theft scheme at Reagan National Airport. The investigation was of 30 vehicles stolen from a rental car lot at the airport. According to news reports at the time, digital and physical evidence appeared to directly connect Alston to three stolen BMWs. Multiple news outlets reported that Alston's police jacket and documents were found in one of the stolen cars, her social media account was connected to the entertainment system of another of the stolen cars and she was recorded using a third BMW by Washington, D.C., police via body camera footage. Court documents showed, in addition to evidence connecting Alston to using the BMWs, her phone data placed her at the airport at least three times during the period in which they were stolen, according to ABC 7 News.

That station also reported that one of the cars was found parked outside Alston's home and she told investigators she didn't live there. According to Fox 5 News, authorities said the car Alston was seen driving in D.C. had been abandoned, and she was charged with improperly using the vehicles rather than theft of them.

The Washington Post reported Alston faced three felony counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and was suspended without pay. In March 2025 charges against Alston related to the stolen rental vehicles were dropped.

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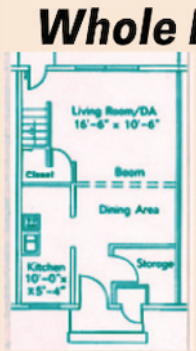

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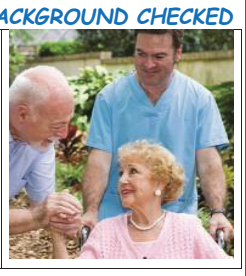

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Sports

No Longer Only an Outdoor Volleyball Club at Roosevelt

by Scott Fifield

In the spring of 2023, a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School approached me about being the sponsor of their school club. A few students had been setting up a net on the grass behind the school and playing volleyball (VB), and the school told them that their club would need a sponsor. I was beginning my transition from being the varsity girls VB coach to being a volunteer assistant so it seemed like the right time to add something new. The Outdoor Volleyball Club was born.

PHOTO BY VICKY CHEN

Outside hitter Tim Cai attacks a ball while Yohan Ha covers in case Cai gets blocked.

At first, I quietly watched the (mostly) boys play and interjected a few rule clarifications and taught a few skills. It didn't take long, though, until the quality of play really improved. While playing on the grass can be fun, we rented indoor courts a few times to be able to play without the outdoor elements (sun, wind, wet grass, cold). Playing indoors accelerated everyone's improvement, so I started to look for other schools to play against.

The Games Begin

Prince George's County doesn't sponsor boys volleyball as a varsity sport (the only public school district in Maryland that does is Montgomery County). A few schools that I called wondered why we weren't playing against clubs at other Prince George's schools – but I didn't know if any existed (I don't think there's a centralized club coordinator in the school district). So I used my connections as a longtime girls coach and finally found that Calvert Hall (in Towson) would play us in October 2024. They're very good – we got crushed, but learned where we needed to improve.

In the spring of 2025, the boys played at D.C. International School. They were at our talent level so it was disappointing that we played poorly. It was another learning experience. In the fall of 2025, we played Calvert Hall's junior varsity team (another opponent at our talent level – and we finally won a set) and the Landon School in Bethesda (we won another set).

On March 11, the team went to Rockville and played Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. And we won all five sets. We have one more match scheduled on April 10 in Gaithersburg against Covenant Life School.

The Players and Future

The core of the boys team during this school year is mostly seniors. David Akowe is our 6'5" middle hitter so he helps us look imposing when we walk in the gym. Tim Cai and Nick Williams are powerful outside hitters and impressive jump servers. Bao Pho is our primary setter and he is on a club team at Maryland Juniors. Immanuel Mateo and Aaron Khoo have become very good liberos – good passing makes the rest of the offense work. Darren Gao (the club president) and Preston Okwesili are the team's right-side hitters.

The Outdoor Volleyball Club continues with its original concept. On nice weather days, you'll probably see one or two VB nets on the grass behind the school with mostly beginners having fun playing. But hopefully the underclassmen (Ezra Lee who can play everywhere; Yohan Ha, our middle hitter; and Jason Khoo who has really improved as a passer) have some talented classmates materializing, to allow us to keep playing against other schools in the 2026–27 school year. It has been a great experience for me as a coach/club sponsor to get to know these boys and to see them improve so much so quickly.

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1980s and remained in Vail for 12 years where he developed a love for skiing.

Upon his return to Greenbelt, Chris was a stalwart member of the AA Recovery Community, marking 34 years of sobriety, a testament to his strength, perseverance and the support he offered to countless others. His involvement with the local Greenbelt Step Club was a source of pride and fulfillment, where he found a second family and a mission that he embraced wholeheartedly.

He dedicated the last 19 years of his professional life to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he served with a passion for the outdoors and wildlife. His love for nature was abundant. He loved the water and his boat and being active in the outdoors. An avid fisherman, Chris found peace on the water, casting his line into the serene depths, reflecting on life and sitting in the quiet moments. He was anticipating his retirement this November as he planned the next chapter of his life.

Christopher was a man whose strength didn't come from being untouched by life, but from surviving it. There was a quiet heaviness in his eyes, the kind that only appears after you've carried more than your share of storms. Yet beneath that weight lived a gentleness he didn't show easily, a softness he protected. Chris' legacy is one of warmth and resilience. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local recovery organization.

Chris leaves behind a family who loved him deeply: his siblings, Thomas Dwyer, Jr. (Robyn), Mary "Patty" Johnson (Mickey) and Diane Alison Terrett (Brian), along with his niece, nephews and extended family who adored their Uncle Chris. He delighted in spoiling them and seeing their eyes light up with each gift or card. He will be deeply missed.

A service honoring Chris life will be held at Beall Funeral Home on Friday, March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 6512 Crain Highway in Bowie.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

Ify Nwabukwu, executive director of the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA), accepts the National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan during the March 23 Council meeting. AWCAA works to reduce the burden of cancer on African immigrant women and their families in the U.S. and abroad, and provides equal access to programs and services in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and medical support to various African countries.

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Springhill Lake Elementary School Takes A Trip with Greenbelt Recreation Department

Third grade students from Springhill Lake Elementary School were very excited to see a picture of their planned new school building in the News Review, which one eagle-eyed student had spotted at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Tuesday, March 24. The students were participating in an Artward Bound field trip to the Rec Center, coordinated by Greenbelt Recreation. During the field trip they used sand art to make landscape pictures with teaching artist Amanda Faye. They learned archery, a fishing game and how to use binoculars on a nature walk with rangers from the Patuxent Research Refuge.

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- Photos by Anne Gardner

Students learn to use binoculars on a nature walk with rangers from Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

Students do a sand art project with a Greenbelt Recreation art instructor.

Students learn archery with rangers from Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

Students participate in a fishing game with rangers from Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

Another sand art project

A student shows off their art from the second field trip day on Wednesday, March 25.

More artwork from the second field trip day on Wednesday, March 25